

FEDERAL MILK ORDER PRICE AND POOL SUMMARY, DECEMBER

HIGHLIGHTS. Handler reports of receipts and utilization under the Federal milk order system for December have been filed and tabulated. Combined totals for the 10 consolidated orders are being released. During December about 10.1 billion pounds of milk were received from producers. This volume of milk is 45.9 percent higher than the December 2004 volume. In December 2004, there was a significant volume of milk not pooled due to intraorder disadvantageous price relationships. About 3.9 billion pounds of producer milk were used in Class I products, 0.8 percent lower than the previous year. Calendar composition likely had a positive impact on milk used in Class I in 2005 as compared to 2004. The all-market average Class utilization percentages were; Class I = 39%, Class II = 11%, Class III = 39%, and Class IV = 11%. The weighted average statistical uniform price was \$14.28 per cwt., \$0.47 lower than last month, and \$1.72 lower than last year.

PRICE AND POOL STATISTICS FOR FEDERAL MILK ORDER MARKETING AREAS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2005										
FEDERAL MILK ORDER MARKETING AREA <u>1/</u>	ORDER NUMBER	RECEIPTS OF PRODUCER MILK		UTILIZATION OF PRODUCER MILK IN CLASS I			UTILIZATION OF PRODUCER MILK IN OTHER CLASSES			UNIFORM PRICE <u>2/</u>
		TOTAL	CHANGE FROM PREV. YEAR	TOTAL	CHANGE FROM PREV. YEAR	PERCENT	CLASS II	CLASS III	CLASS IV	
		MIL. LBS.	PERCENT	MIL. LBS.	PERCENT		PERCENT			\$ PER CWT.
Northeast (Boston)	001	1,952.9	3.1	926.2	-1.3	48	17	22	13	14.83
Appalachian (Charlotte)	005	529.7	8.4	358.0	-3.4	68	13	8	11	15.51
Southeast (Atlanta)	007	627.0	10.9	400.9	0.0	64	9	14	13	15.44
Florida (Tampa)	006	262.0	0.9	231.5	4.1	88	7	1	4	16.89
Mideast (Cleveland)	033	1,444.5	46.7	570.6	-0.6	40	13	40	7	13.90
Upper Midwest (Chicago)	030	2,181.4	226.9	392.5	-0.8	18	5	75	2	13.61
Central (Kansas City)	032	1,317.3	84.7	383.4	1.7	29	10	50	11	13.69
Southwest (Dallas)	126	869.9	37.6	354.5	-1.8	41	11	31	17	14.60
Arizona-Las Vegas (Phoenix)	131	257.3	4.2	87.3	-0.2	34	9	37	20	14.00
Pacific Northwest (Seattle)	124	618.7	39.8	181.5	-4.7	29	6	27	38	13.44
ALL MARKET AVERAGE OR TOTAL	<u>3/</u>	10,060.7	45.9	3,886.4	-0.8	39	11	39	11	14.28

1/ Names in parentheses are the major city in the principal pricing point of the market.

2/ Statistical uniform price for component pricing orders (Class III price plus producer price differential). For other orders, uniform skim milk price times 0.965 plus uniform butterfat price times 3.5.

3/ In December 2004, due to a disadvantageous relationship between intraorder class prices and the location adjusted statistical uniform (blend) price in Order Nos. 005, 007, 033, 030, 032, 126, and 124, handlers elected not to pool 3.1 billion pounds of milk that normally would have been associated with these markets. After adjusting for these not pooled volumes, the year-to-year percent change is +0.3.